

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 11, line 10 as follows:

The data stored in the memory 36 is transmitted to a signal processing part 42 via a bus 40 bus 40. The signal processing part 42 is an image signal processing means which includes a brightness and color difference signal producing circuit, a sharpness correcting (contour correcting) circuit, a white balance correcting circuit, a compression-expansion circuit, and so forth, and processes the image signal in accordance with a command from the CPU 32. The image data inputted into the signal processing part 42 is converted into a brightness signal (Y signal) and a color difference signal (Cr and Cb signals) while going through a predetermined processes such as the gamma correction, and then stored in the memory 36.

Please revise the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 17, line 2010 as follows:

If the subject brightness is determined to be extremely dark and the AE photometry cannot be performed normally with the normal aperture size due to small outputs of the solid-state imaging device 28, the process goes on to Step S214. At Step S214, the extra aperture size of ~~F1.2~~ F1.4 is selected which is an aperture size at outside the normal diaphragm operation range, and the photometry is performed again with the aperture size.